

FISCAL NOTE

Bill #: HB0272

Title: Half-priced hunting licenses to certain disabled veterans

Primary Sponsor: Lambert, C

Status: As Amended in Senate Committee

Sponsor signature

Date

David Ewer, Budget Director

Date

Fiscal Summary

	<u>FY 2006 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2007 Difference</u>
Expenditures:		
State Special Revenue	\$0	\$0
Revenue:		
State Special Revenue	\$2,915	\$2,915
Net Impact on General Fund Balance:	\$0	\$0

<input type="checkbox"/> Significant Local Gov. Impact	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Technical Concerns
<input type="checkbox"/> Included in the Executive Budget	<input type="checkbox"/> Significant Long-Term Impacts
<input type="checkbox"/> Dedicated Revenue Form Attached	<input type="checkbox"/> Needs to be included in HB 2

Fiscal Analysis

ASSUMPTIONS:

Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

1. FWP will issue up to 25 each of the following license: resident Deer A, resident Deer B, non-resident B7 Deer A, non-resident Deer B, and special antelope licenses (resident or non-resident) annually to disabled veterans who meet the qualifying criteria.
2. Currently resident disabled hunters who meet the qualifying criteria provided in 87-2-803(5), MCA, may purchase a half-priced resident Deer A license.
3. The resident antelope license costs \$11.00. FWP assumes that 80 percent of the special antelope licenses will be purchased by residents that hunted last year and would hunt again this year. A half-priced antelope license is \$5.50 and FWP will lose \$110 ($\$11.00 \times 0.50 = \5.50 , $25 \times 0.80 = 20 \times \$5.50 = \$110$)
4. The resident Deer B costs \$8.00. FWP assumes that 25 Montana disabled veterans hunted last year and would hunt again this year. A half-priced Deer B license is \$4.00 and FWP will lose \$100 ($\$8.00 \times 0.50 = \4.00 , $25 \times \$4.00 = \100).
5. The non-resident Deer A tag license costs \$250, the non-resident Deer B tag license costs \$75 and the non-resident special antelope license is \$200.
6. FWP currently does not issue non-resident Deer A tags separate from the non-resident deer combination license. Issuing 25 half-price non-resident Deer A tags would annually generate \$3,125.

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7. FWP is unable to estimate the number of non-resident disabled veterans that either currently hunt in Montana or how many would start to hunt in Montana due to this bill. They would be entitled to a half-priced Deer B license (regular price \$75) and a half-priced antelope license (regular price \$200).
 - a. If all 30 (25 Deer B and 5 antelope (20%)) licenses were purchased by non-residents who previously hunted deer and antelope FWP could lose \$1,437.50 ($25 \times 37.50 + 5 \times 100$).
 - b. If all 30 (25 Deer B and 5 antelope (20%)) licenses were purchased by non-residents who had not previously hunted deer and antelope, FWP could receive an additional \$1,437.50.
8. The range of additional revenue will be from \$1,477.50 to \$4,352.50. For this fiscal note, FWP assumes the average of the high and low which is \$2,915.
 - a. The lower range is the sum of -\$110 (Res. antelope), -\$100 (Res. Deer B), \$3,125 (NR Deer A & Antelope), and -\$1,437.50 (NR Deer B).
 - b. The high range is the sum of -\$110 (Res. antelope), -\$100 (Res. Deer B), \$3,125 (NR Deer A & Antelope), and \$1,437.50, (NR Deer B).
9. The cost to administer this program will be absorbed within current department budgets.

FISCAL IMPACT:

	<u>FY 2006 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2007 Difference</u>
<u>Revenues:</u>		
State Special Revenue (02)	\$2,915	\$2,915
<u>Net Impact to Fund Balance (Revenue minus Funding of Expenditures):</u>		
State Special Revenue (02)	\$2,915	\$2,915